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1. In early January 1953, instruction were held at the Artillerie Schule in Strausberg as previously. About 100 artillery officers were seen marching from the school toward the airfield.

2. On 20 and 21 January, the Landesjugendheim on Wriezener Strasse was occupied by an artillery course of about 120 officers. About 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were quartered in a building opposite the Landesjugendheim. _____ they belonged to an instruction unit. At about 2 p.m., about 50 soldiers led by a sergeant left this building for the Landesjugendheim. They returned at about 5 p.m. About 15 officers with red stripes on the epaulets and artillery insignia and including a lieutenant colonel and a major; and a civilian, apparently an instructor, were seen leaving the installation. The gymnasium was subdivided by a wall. In the southern section were two devices, each with a block and tackle and a ladder; and two gun barrels of 105-mm to 122-mm caliber without muzzle brakes. In the northern section, two gun barrels, probably of 85-mm and 37-mm AA guns, were seen.

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_____ The trucks were occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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3. The barracks installation on Straus See (lake) was occupied on 21 January. _____

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_____ The installation was connected with the Landesjugendheim by a telephone line of light field wires. The south side of the building was fully lighted and the east side partly lighted at dusk. The other buildings were not lighted. Vehicular traffic was not observed, except for a horse-drawn vehicle loaded with ration supplies and occupied by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets without insignia and a soldier wearing crimson epaulets, which entered the installation at about 11 a.m.

_____ Comment. The barracks installation on Straus See, also referred to as Artillerie Schule, and the Landesjugendheim appear to be occupied as previously by the known artillery courses, probably of the GDFG.

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